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TEXT OF REPORT BY AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
TRADE WEB SITE ON 14 MAY, MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS MINISTER ALEXANDER DOWNER

AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS ARRIVED IN GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, ON MONDAY
13 MAY (US TIME) TO INTERVIEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS BEING HELD THERE.
THE VISITING TEAM OF ASIO [AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE
ORGANIZATION] AND AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE INVESTIGATORS AND AN
OFFICIAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE (DFAT)
WILL SEE BOTH DAVID HICKS AND MAMDOUH HABIB. THE FAMILIES' LAWYERS
HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

THE VISIT WILL ADVANCE THE AUSTRALIAN INVESTIGATION INTO THE
ACTIVITIES OF MR HICKS AND MR HABIB. IN ADDITION, THE TEAM WILL
ASSESS AND REPORT ON THE WELFARE OF BOTH MEN.

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